

## **EDITORIAL**

### **Editorial : Our First Issue**

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) is pleased to present the first issue of the BSMMU Journal. Though some of the departments of the university have their own journal but BSMMU centrally does not have any journal since its establishment in 1998. A few months ago, a task group was formed to evaluate the possibility of starting a journal of the University. This group determined that a journal in medical science in its broadest interpretation, including all branches of Medical science should be published at an earliest time. On October 2008 the Editor-in-Chief was selected and an Editorial and Advisory Board was appointed to get the new journal to be started. They formulated the mission statement of the journal

As we enter the new millennium and prepare to celebrate the ten years of our beloved University, we are happy to announce the arrival of our Journal of BSMMU. I want to open this first issue of the Journal of BSMMU thanking everybody who contribute by writing and editorial staff of this journal whose sincere and hardworking has made it reality.

Those of us not dealing with publishing may not perceive the enormous pressure on any scientific journal, and particularly new ones. Thus we like to express our gratitude to all who helped in publishing this journal and we are looking forward to many more since they are the ones that keep the ship afloat, just like the contributors that trust the success of the journal and its crew.

The primary objective of all scientific journals is dissemination of scientific knowledge. Scientific publications stimulate thinking and research. It acts as repository and provides permanent record of facts. Medical publications of research journals likewise play a vital role in dissemination of new data. Launching scientific research oriented journal is certainly an uphill task.

The number of students has increased steadily over the years. As a result, Teacher's have found it increasingly difficult to maintain the same high standards and excellence of academic and clinical teaching that has indeed been traditional and characteristic of our University. Remaining busy with students and patients care perhaps we have ignored the need for a journal of the university.

At present atleast 150 students in different discipline complete their M.Phil, MD and MS degree each year. As a part of the course they have to perform a thesis work. An estimated 200 original article should come out of these thesis. If we make it mandatory for publishing one article of the thesis in University journal, University will need atleast five regular journal to accommodate these articles. I don't find any reason why BSMMU shouldn't have more than one journal.

I would like to remind you that this journal is meant to be your space: submit original article, case report, letter to editor and review article. In terms of style: "As far as possible our idea is that every article should be comprehensible to all readers, interesting to most readers, and actually useful to at least some readers".

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the help and encouragement from many sources and in particular from the personnel at administration of the University who have gone well beyond the terms of their contract in getting the journal started. The editorial board recognize the all full fledge help of the Vice Chancellor Professor Pran Gopal Datta for publishing the journal.

Each of you also have a vital role to play in the further development of the journal by publicizing it among your friends and colleagues, submitting manuscripts for consideration to be published and finally by telling us how the journal can be improved.

To sum up our experience from few weeks of working with and for the journal, let us share some of our ideas with you. We started with an impressive list of engaged colleagues that contributed to the starting phase of the journal. Due to time commitments, shift of interest, etc., we felt the need to alter the composition of the members in both the editorial board and the group of editors.

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**Professor Noorzahan Begum**  
Editor-in-Chief